



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

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52 Yarra Street
HEIDELBERG



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands, the Wurundjeri-Balluk clan of the Woi wurrung people in the Kulin Nation.
Central to the mission of St John's Parish is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity and integrity of children and young people and providing them with a safe and supportive environment in which to flourish.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday
9:30am to 2:30pm

MASS TIMES:

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday:
9:15am

Weekend: Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am & 5pm

ADORATION: After Friday morning
Mass with Benediction.

EXPOSITION

Wednesday 7.30pm

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Friday 9.45am—10.15am (during
Adoration)

Sat 9:45 am & 5:30pm.—5.50p.m.

WEDDING, BAPTISM, FIRST

RECONCILIATION,

FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION:

Parish Secretary (9457 1066)

ST JOHN'S HALL HIRE:

Contact parish office.

LEGION OF MARY: Meet every

Wednesdays at 10.30am at parish
house in the Francis Xavier Room.
All Welcome. Fatima Statue
Enquires, Contact Sue 0449260206

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11TH /12TH MAY, *THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - SOLEMNITY*

PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we the parishioners of St John's are grateful for all we have received from the men, women and children of our past. Help us to cherish and maintain our parish heritage. Most of all, enable us to be people who welcome the stranger, the needy, the sick and the lonely. Like St John, our patron saint, may we be people who love others, as your Son Jesus, asked us to do. We make this prayer, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dear Friends,

Today we solemnly celebrate the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. The mystery of the ascension is as much about us as about Jesus. It shows us the goal of our earthly journey - we are meant to share the glory of Jesus.

This Sunday is also Mother's Day. On this Mother's Day, on behalf of Father John, the whole parish community and myself, I would like to send my best wishes and blessings to all the mothers including physical mothers and spiritual mothers in our parish of Heidelberg and our own mothers elsewhere. In our prayers today, let us pray for our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, and for mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom.

On this Mother's Day, we turn to Our Lady - the Blessed Virgin Mary who is the greatest model for all mothers and all the faithful who are on the journey of faith to our heavenly home to ask her for help and guidance.

Motherhood is a unique gift from the Lord. Jesus had a mother. Jesus has a mother. He was born of a woman by Divine design. He called her Mother and entrusted her to us.

The Mother of the Lord continues to give us the gift of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus is her Son and Saviour and she offers Him to us as the greatest gift of a mother's love. Jesus entrusted His Mother to us as one of His last gifts of love.

Each year on Mother's Day, as we express the gratitude we feel for our earthly mother, we reflect on that last gift the Lord gave to us before his total gift of Himself on the Cross, the gift of His mother to be our own. As I mentioned in my reflection in our bulletin last week, May is traditionally the month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of the Lord. This is no coincidence. Let us pray to the Lord through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to grant many blessings upon all mothers on this special day and throughout their lives.

Happy Feast of the Ascension & Happy Mother's Day!
Fr Vinh-Parish Priest



CHILD SAFETY: St John's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all our children, young people and vulnerable adults. Children are to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times in the church and when leaving the church for any reason.

ENTRANCE: O RAISE YOUR EYES

O raise your eyes on high and see,
There stands our sovereign Lord;
His glory is this day revealed,
His word a two edged sword.

We glimpse the splendour
and the pow'r of him who conquered death,
the Christ in whom the universe knows
God's creating breath.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
(And, striking their breast, they say:)
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
(Then they continue:)
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you,
my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to

the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 46:2-3. 6-9

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord..

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

R./

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R./

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

R./

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has

exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always,
Even to the end of the age, alleluia.

COMMUNION: SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN

Seed, scattered and sown,
Wheat, gathered and grown,
Bread, broken and shared as one,
The Living bread of God.

Vine, fruit of the land, wine,
Work of our hands, one cup that is
Shared by all; the Living Cup,
The Living Bread of God.

Is not the bread we break,
A sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless,
The blood of Christ outpoured?

The seed which falls on rock
Will wither and will die,
The seed within good ground
Will flower and have life.

As wheat upon the hills
Was gathered and was grown,
So may the Church of God
Be gathered into one.

RECESSIONAL : REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

Rejoice! The Lord is King, your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above.

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11 / 12 MAY	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Paul Zebrowski	Pietro Sciotto	Paul Sapiano	Annaliza
Reader 2	Cassie Abeynaike	Michelle LeMaster	Margaret Andrews	Mary Kotefski
Communion	Elizabeth Williamson	Bobbie Bartkus	Margaret Bradley	Leela Cherubim
	-	-	Mary Furlan	-
18 / 19 MAY	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader 1	Peter Penson	Sheila Serrao	Paul Sapiano	Mark Aiello
Reader 2	Margherita Bechelli	Elizabeth Williamson	Emily Andrews	Leela Cherubim
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana
	-	-	Mary Furlan	-

MORNING TEA: 19th May - Maria & Francoise

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 5TH MAY 2024

First Collection is for the support of our Parish Priest, the Archbishop, the sick & retired priests, priests in less fortunate areas around Archdiocese of Melbourne
(It is taken up after Homily)

ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267

Second Collection is for the support of our Church, its operating expenses, staff wages, church & ground maintenance etc.

(It is taken up after Prayers of Faithful)

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318

Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
\$386.50	\$1,046.20	\$648.00	\$1,449.10	\$618.80	\$2,482.00

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: on Thursday the 16th of May as Fr Vinh and Mary need to attend an Administration Forum at the Archdiocese.

MORNING TEA: Next Sunday 19th May following the 10.30am Mass will be available in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

RENOVATIONS APPEAL: Please find insert for details on donation for our church renovations. Thank you for your generosity.

CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL: We raised \$662.50. Thank you for your generosity.

ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT: The four weekends of **4-5 May, 11-12 May, 18-19 May and 25-26 May** have been selected for the count. The count should include ALL those in attendance at the Mass, including babies.



FIFTH ANNUAL BIGGEST MORNING TEA AT ST JOHN'S - MAY 21ST 10.30A.M. – 12.00:

Thank you for your generous donations towards door and raffle prizes, we now have sufficient. For catering purposes, if you can attend the morning tea please add your name to the list in the church foyer. Also, if you can donate a plate of food on the day please indicate this.

MASS BY CANDLELIGHT: You are warmly invited to join us for the first Mass by Candlelight for 2024 on Thursday, 16th May at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Creek Rd, North Greensborough. Celebrated in the spirit of Taize, quiet music will commence at 7.30pm, followed by Mass at 8pm. All welcome. Enquiries: Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Bert Chapman, Sue Chapman, Marie Hankin, Pat Chenoweth, Wendy Wales, Betty Matthews, Jacques Coomans, Frank Viola, Bill Barnes, Kevin Andrews, Margaret Sinclair, Joan O'Donoghue, Samantha Byran, Frank Dempsey, Davis Morck, Domenica Ashworth, Sean O'Leary, Val Wallis.

ANNIVERSARY: Peter Krzysik, Adam O'Toole.

Please submit intentions for sick, recently deceased and anniversaries for the newsletter by Thursday morning latest. Thank you